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14.08 Â½ hrs.

Title: Statement regarding status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 21st report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2008-09), pertaining to the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): Sir, I am laying the statement under Direction 73A of the Speaker on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 21st Report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs.

The 21st Report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs on Demands for Grants (2008-09) of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs was presented to both the Houses of Parliament on the 15th April, 2008. Action Taken Replies (ATRs) of the Government on the recommendations/observations of the Committee were sent to the Committee on 30th July, 2008.

However, as required, the present status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the 21st Report of the Standing Committee is detailed in the Annexure to the statement which is laid on the Table of the House. The Hon'ble Members would notice that the Ministry has accepted all the recommendations contained in the 21st Report and acted upon them accordingly. I hope that they will be satisfied with the action taken by my Ministry.

* Laid on the Table and also placed in Library See No.LT.9067/08